

TONOPAH COMEDIAN HAD ASPIRATIONS

By A. V. Buel, in Sacramento Bee

Very few of the audience who laugh with Jim Diamond on the Orpheum circuit know that Jim once had dreams of wearing flannel's laurels on his sparsely covered brow, but such was the case.

The dreams came to him some years ago in the Sagebrush state. Diamond was starring with the Alphon Burlesque company in Tonopah. Alphon was working the company pretty hard putting on two shows a week and Diamond was earning his salary and then some.

Tonopah was booming, stocks were up, the mines all working and every body had money. But Tonopah was a self centered community. Tonopah away off down in the desert almost alone in its glory had no time for pleasure jaunts to the coast.

Tonopah had to manufacture her own amusements, and follow the lead of her sister city—Goldfield—in introducing ring attractions to the desert. Tonopah built a \$12,000 arena, signed up Joe Gans and Kid Herman and invited the world.

Among the notables who arrived for the contest was one "Philadelphia Jack O'Brien," Jack of the glib tongue and loquacious flow of verbal "bull."

Back to Jim Diamond and his dream—Diamond and "Philadelphia Jack" met and Jim's dream started incidental to Jack's first words—"Jim, I watched your work last night and you are a dream, those flip-flops and that high kicking stunt that you pull are great."

"Say, do you know if I could do that stuff I'd be champion heavy-weight of the world."

"Did you ever do any boxing?" "Do you know, with your height and reach and activity, I could make a middle-weight champion out of you."

The dream seed was sown and every night while putting on his make-up, Jim would feint and lead and side-step in his little dressing room. In the day time, Jim would take long runs out Florence avenue past the Halifax far out on the road to Manhattan. This road work was great for his wind and as he strode along he could dream of the day

OPEN AIR SCHOOLS AND RED CROSS SEALS.

Institutions Where Children Are Taught and Taught at Same Time.

"Say, teacher, how sick's a feller got ter be ter get in this 'ere open air school?" This was a greeting to one of the teachers at the Elizabeth McCormick Open Air School in Chicago the other day by a puny little fellow who had been envying the sick kiddies the good time they were having at studying, working, sleeping and playing all in the open air.

Open air schools to the number of nearly 500 are now maintained all over the United States. Some of them this winter in the northern states will hold sessions when the thermometer is down to zero or below. Others will enjoy the balmy winds of Southern California, Louisiana or Alabama.

In the open air school movement Red Cross Seals have played and are still playing an important part. The seal money, through the Anti-Tuberculosis societies, has been the means for experimenting and convincing the hard-headed school boards of the wisdom of the plan and also for providing food, clothing and special nursing care which the public funds could not furnish. Red Cross Seals are among the children's truest friends.

The Tyranny of Wills.

Many petty tyrants have sought to impose their will on posterity. Henry Budd, who died in 1862, gave proof in his will of a prejudice against mustaches. "In case my son Edward shall wear mustaches," he stipulated, "then the devise hereinbefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Pepper Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son William, his appointees, heirs and assigns. And in case my said son William shall wear mustaches then the devise hereinbefore contained in favor of him of my estate called Twickenham Park shall be void, and I devise the same estate to my son Edward." Presumably the sons accepted that close shave for a fortune.—London Spectator.

A Mighty Workman.

Mrs. McTavish (to neighbor)—Is it true that your Jock startit to work in the pit last Monday? Mrs. Christie (her face glowing with pride)—Quite true, Mrs. M., and, what's mair, I see by the papers that there's been two thousand mair tons o' coal shipped last week than ever has been before! I say said Jock had the makin' o' a guld collier.—London Globe.

Fires in Holland.

Fires of any size are so scarce in Holland that the city of Rotterdam, with a population of over 400,000, has practically no fire department, while the prevalence of canals offers an ever ready water supply to fight any fires which might occur.

when the referee would raise his (Jim's) gloved hand in the air, champion middle-weight of the world.

The Gans-Herman contest was over. The old master had given Herman the sleeping powders along in the eighth round, the visitors left and Tonopah, having had a taste, craved for more.

Mike Schreck and John Willie were billed as the next attraction. Mike short and stout, built after the Hereford design, arrived in town and repaired to the Casino, from where he sent out a call for volunteers to don the gloves and help him reduce his perfect "46."

Here was Diamond's chance. Rigging himself out in a pair of green tights which he had used in last week's production, Jim hopped over the ropes. Tonopah was pretty well represented at the ring side that afternoon. Schreck was no small attraction and Jim, our own Jim Diamond, had announced to Bill Booth that he would go a few rounds with Mike.

"Time," and the boys stepped to the center of the ring, touched gloves, squared off and feinted, shot out their fists and clinched. Jim was taller and appeared fast and clever beside the over-weighted Mike.

Again Jim led and this time he caught Mike on the point. The blow didn't seem to phase Mike. Maybe Jim hadn't set himself for the punch. Mike even seemed to enjoy the jolt, for he deliberately stuck his jaw out and dropped his guard. Again Jim lashed out, this time a right cross, but he failed to dent the immobile jaw of the grinning Dutchman.

The crowd beseeched Jim to "wallop him; knock him stiff," "put your weight behind it, etc." Jim was non-plussed. He had expected something else than a smile. Maybe he hadn't caught the right spot. His blow may have glanced.

Once more he drew back. This time he swung from the ground a regular Billy Papke hay maker.

Did Mike go down? No, he simply shook it off with a fat smile. And what did Diamond do? Why, Jim—he pulled off the gloves and beat it in those green tights up Main street to the Butler theater, and Jim never dreamed again of fistic laurels, middleweight championships, etc.

RED CROSS SEAL FUNDS NOT FOR WAR RELIEF.

American Red Cross Director Urges Fund For Tuberculosis Prevention.

None of the proceeds from the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, which are being sold widely throughout the United States for the benefit of the anti-tuberculosis movement, will be used for any relief purposes, according to a statement by Ernest P. Bicknell, National Director of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bicknell says: "The American Red Cross is deeply appreciative of the sympathetic interest which has inspired the suggestion from various parts of the United States that a certain percentage of the Red Cross Seal Sales Fund, which has been used for the last seven years exclusively for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis in the United States, be expended this year to aid the European war sufferers. While the Red Cross is desirous of securing contributions which will increase this war relief fund, we do not feel justified in adopting any policy which will tend to erode the tuberculosis work in this country, dependent as it is for support to so large an extent on the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. The announcement that a percentage of the Red Cross Seal money would go to our war relief fund might possibly increase the sale; but, in our opinion, the final results would show a distinct loss in that part of the proceeds going for tuberculosis work. "At the present time there are over 1,200 anti-tuberculosis societies distributed through nearly every state in the Union and even in Porto Rico, the Canal Zone and far off Hawaii, which are dependent almost entirely upon the receipts from the Red Cross Seal sale for their work during the year 1916. The people of the United States must support this local war against tuberculosis, which annually kills 200,000 people and at the present time is leaving a trail of a million wounded."

Egypt's Desert.

It has been discovered that the air of the Egyptian desert is as free from bacterial life as the polar regions or the high seas, and it is an excellent place for people suffering from rheumatism or consumption to take up their abode.—London Telegraph.

Kick an Ostrich.

An angry ostrich is a great fighter. He strikes out with his feet, and his legs, being immensely strong, he can with no great amount of exertion, kill a man.

Her Prize.

Daughter—Did you have to fish much, mamma, before you caught papa? Mother—Fish, my dear—fish! I was bear hunting.—London M. A. P.

Virtue that parleys is near surrender.—French Proverb.

HOW THE RED CROSS SEAL ORIGINATED.

Anti-tuberculosis Workers After \$750,000 Fund.

Nearly \$2,500,000 has been raised by Red Cross Christmas Seals in the last seven years, and yet many people who will buy these holiday stickers at this eighth annual sale do not know how the charity stamp idea originated.

It was war that brought forth the charity stamp—our Civil war of '61 to '65. Some of your grandmothers first played "post office" with stickers similar to Red Cross Seals "way back in 1862, when they conceived the idea of selling stamps at fairs for the benefit of the relief funds for the soldiers' hospitals in Brooklyn, Boston and elsewhere. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way before 1865. After the war this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now several thousands of different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, as many as forty being used in Austria for children's hospitals alone. Stamps or seals were first used to

get money for the anti-tuberculosis crusade in Norway and Sweden in 1904. To Jacob Ellis, the well known social worker of New York, and to Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross, jointly belong the honor of originating our American Red Cross Christmas seal. In 1907 Mr. Ellis's interest was aroused by the receipt of a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway. He published an article about this queer looking stamp in the Outlook and suggested some possible uses for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity here and prepared a stamp, from the sale of which her society realized \$3,000 for tuberculosis work. So impressed was she with this success that she induced the American Red Cross to take up the sale in 1908 on a national basis. With very little organization and with hardly any attempt at careful advertising the sale that year brought in over \$125,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the United States. In 1909, with more thorough organization, the sale was increased to \$230,000, in 1910 to nearly \$310,000, in 1911 to over \$320,000 and in 1912 to over \$400,000. In 1913 the sale was increased to nearly \$450,000, and last year, in spite of war and hard times, 22 per cent more, or \$550,000, seals were sold, totaling \$520,000 for the anti-tuberculosis war.

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INJURED BRAKEMAN RECEIVES DAMAGES

In the United States federal court at Carson City Saturday, Clyde Houston received judgment against the Nevada Northern for \$12,500. Houston received injuries in a head-on wreck when he was thrown several

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The stock transfer books will be closed at 5 o'clock p. m. on the 15th day of December, 1915, and will be reopened on December 24, 1915, at the commencement of business, to-wit, at 9 o'clock a. m.

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